

WELCOME HOME MINISTRIES – AFRICA

“Continue in the truths that you were taught and firmly believe. Remember that ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Tim 3:14-15 TEV

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Dear Foundation Family and Friends,

There is much that we can praise God about, marvelous are his works. The children in the orphanage are thriving. We daily rejoice to see them playing, singing scripture verses and growing so quickly. The older children attend Sunday school each week and are growing in their knowledge of Jesus and the Bible. It is truly a wonderful sight to see them hungry for the Word.

Agnes (pictured), our newest baby, is nine month's old, she came to us on the 15th of April weighing only 7 lbs and has the most beautiful smile you can imagine. Her mother became too unstable, then abandoned her to the care of her father who has done the best he could to help her. Being extremely poor and unemployed he just couldn't cope. We can tell that he loves her dearly and really wants the best for her. Continue to pray with us that her strength improves and that he will be able to find work so that he can care for her.



We are praying that baby **Yvonne** will receive the approving letters for her release to her Legal Guardians in Wisconsin. Her health has not been “perfect” since her return to our orphanage and she needs the loving care that only new parents can provide for her.

Mandy and some of the staff had the opportunity to visit with our children that graduated to the Watoto orphanage last February. My how they have grown. It was great that they recognized all of us.

All our children are benefiting from the shipment of supplies sent in the care of the volunteers visiting this past month. They were:

- **Lori** and her three-year-old daughter **Mikyla**, from California, came as a registered nurse and a great encourager to the staff and children. Lori was able to teach the children to dance to Christian music and the children particularly liked, “Yes Lord.” Mikyla won the hearts of everyone she met, and reached out to many a child - a real missionary.
- **Heather**, a teacher, came from Australia. She taught the cooks better ways to handle and store food safely. She also taught how to improve the variety of recipes without sacrificing local culture and customs. The cooks had a real treat visiting the local Hospitality training school to view their kitchen operations, which was followed by a buffet meal prepared by the students. This visit led to improvements for our kitchen setup. Heather also turned out to be a gourmet chef for our leftovers.
- **Jan**, also from California, came well prepared to assist our preschool trainers. She exercised tremendous patience to impart her skills and made a great contribution to the curriculum of our preschool. They are well organized for the next three months.
- **Mandy** enjoyed traveling with this team and saw them excel in their areas of expertise. She was particularly pleased to see our home continuing to develop, specifically, receiving a child's computer desk, bookshelves for the school resource room, new lights for the dining/school room and fans installed. The kitchen also benefited with upgrades to various equipment.

Sadly, **Jennifer** from New York, one of our volunteers returned home the end of April after spending four months with us. She was quite teary eyed to leave her little charges after having fallen in love with them.

Please continue to pray for Welcome Home, our babies and staff. We survive and are blessed by your bountiful prayers and support. We know that God answers prayer and that He uses loving, compassionate people, like you, to accomplish His vision at our orphanage. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and giving, and may God's richest blessings be yours.

Your Welcome Home family in Africa

PREEMIE HOUSE: Agnes, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Sarah, and Timothy

BABY HOUSE: Allan, Andrew, Elizaphan, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Lawrence, Lucas, Noah, Rachael Mukisa, Richard, Shammah, William, Wilson, and Yvonne.

TODDLER HOUSE: Amos, Andrew, Becky, Billy, Cissy, Dafin, David, Emily, Hayley, Hope, Jackie, Jenay, Jeremiah, John Otata, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Juliet, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Maria, Mark, Martha, Mary Claire, Matthew, Michelle, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Raymond, Rhoda, Rosie, Victoria, and Zachariah